GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Slots to Domestic Airlines for Dubai Airport
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dubai Airport has not given slots to Indian Airlines, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government had asked UAE to ensure that the Dubai international airport give feasible slots to Indian carriers after Indian airlines had complained of not getting the same, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Dubai Airport has denied such charges and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Indian carriers were not able to fully utilize their flying rights to Dubai due to non-availability of commercially and operationally feasible slots at Dubai international airport; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (e): Madam, in December, 2015, Federation of Indian Airlines had drawn the attention of the Government towards the non-availability of feasible slots at Dubai International Airport(DXB). The matter was taken up with the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority in January, 2016. However, Dubai Civil Aviation Authority has not given any assurance for granting viable slots to Indian carriers at DXB. As of now, two Indian carriers namely, Jet Airways and SpiceJet have few balanced unutilised slots at Dubai International Airport. However, Indian carriers are fully utilising their allocated traffic rights on India-Dubai sector with the currently available slots at DXB.